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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated September 14, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.